

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 77

By Miller J

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William T. Goins of  
Cleveland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William T. Goins, one of Bradley County's most distinguished veterans; and

WHEREAS, William Goins was an exemplary individual and unquestionable patriot who sacrificed much for all Americans in the name of liberty; and

WHEREAS, William Goins enlisted in the Navy in September, 1942, and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II as a Signalman, Second Class; and

WHEREAS, upon being honorably discharged in January of 1946, William Goins joined the Tennessee National Guard which was mobilized in September of 1950 because of the Korean War; he fought valiantly with the 278<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team for almost two years before again being discharged; and

WHEREAS, ever the courageous soldier, William Goins once again reenlisted, this time in the U.S. Army, and served three tours of duty in Germany and a tour in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, William Goins retired from the Army on June 1, 1971, with 28 years of service; and

WHEREAS, he was also a 50-year member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2598, a 50-year member of American Legion Post 81, Commander of the American Legion in 1992, a

volunteer of the Veterans Firing Squad for 20 years, an advisor to the Sons of the American Legion, worked with the Veterans Assistance Program, and was a member of the 40/8 Society Voiture 735, holding several positions on the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, William Goins earned the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces in Vietnam; he was also honored posthumously for his efforts in planning and coordinating his local Veterans Day program and for presenting the annual Patriotic Veterans Award; and

WHEREAS, William Goins was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, William Goins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and patriotism above all else; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional patriot, soldier, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of William T. Goins, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable patriotism and his stalwart commitment to serving his country and its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of William T. Goins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.